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Field Day Results Are In!

2015 ARRL Field Day

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

101	2	3	552	CT		1540	2	24	6,574	ONS
4TRP)					Mountaineer ARA					
100	2	24	550	NC	W8SP	1621	2	23	6,554	WV
Timers					Topanga Disaster Radio Team					
160	2	4	520	MO	K6TI (+W6DRT)					
wa Radio Amateur Assn						1495	2	40	6,422	LAX
65	2	6	516	IA	Paducah ARA					
e Road Devils					W4NJA	1863	2	12	6,320	KY
132	2	3	514	MI	Wireless Soc of Southern ME					
RC					WS1SM (+N1EOE)					
79	2	16	508	EB		1431	2	22	6,108	ME
					Lincoln ARC					
88	2	7	494	CT	KØKKV (+KCØWWR)					
RC						1764	2	75	5,986	NE
42	2	4	484	ONS	Fond du Lac ARC					
ES					W9EBV	1490	2	36	5,976	WI
16	2	15	482	SC	Greater Beloit Area ARC					
115	2	3	480	NV	W9PN	1413	2	19	5,698	WI
t RC					CRES & COOKEN ARCs					
63	2	25	476	SJV	W8ZPF	1469	2	35	5,662	OH
					Johnson Cty RAC					
59	2	4	468	NC	WØERH (+WØAR)					
ARS						1335	2	67	5,652	KS

NEWINGTON, CT - The 2015 ARRL Field Day results are in, and for the 2nd year in a row, the WS1SM team takes the top spot in Maine!

Full Story

SKYWARN Recognition Day

NWS, Gray, ME

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

WSSM Partners with Cumberland County EMA

Windham, ME

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

WINDHAM, ME - In September, the *Wireless Society of Southern Maine* was approached by the directors of Cumberland County EMA to provide communications support, and were quickly put to the test during the statewide Simulated Emergency Test.

Full Story

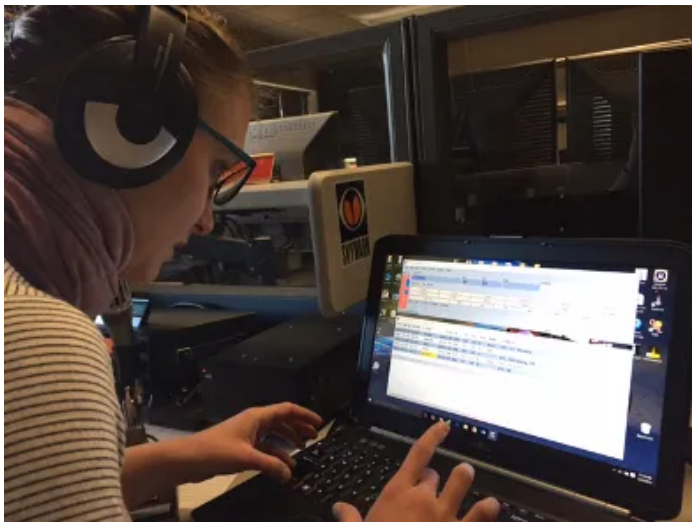
Operating While Abroad

Baicoi, Romania

by Tim Watson, YO/KB1HNZ

In mid October, Stefania YO9GJY, and myself had the opportunity to operate from a contest station at Baicoi, Romania, as well as at her home QTH in Valea Calugareasca.

Full Story



For the 2nd consecutive year, WSSM members visited the *National Weather Service Forecast Office*, in Gray, ME to take part in on-air activities for SKYWARN Recognition Day, as well as the annual SKYWARN Strategy Meeting.

Full Story

Maine QSO Party Winners Announced

Gorham, ME

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

GORHAM, ME - The *Wireless Society of Southern Maine* is proud to announce the winners of the 2015 Maine QSO Party, which took place September 26-27. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially to those who helped promote the MEQP throughout the year!

Full Story

QSL Corner

WS1SM Team Activates Nubble Lighthouse for ILLW

August 16, 2015

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

YORK, ME - The WS1SM Team activated Cape Neddick "Nubble" Lighthouse for the 2015 *International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend* (ILLW).

Full Story

Wavelength

Maine Maritime Museum

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

After an exploratory visit to the Maine Maritime Museum in early October, WSSM members went back to install a 40m dipole as part of a new exhibit called *Wavelength: The Story of Signals at Sea*.

Full Story

We'll explore some QSLs submitted by YO9GJY, and also talk about the one above, received during an "eyeball QSO" with Adrian Sinitaru, YO3APJ.

See More QSL's

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 14th - from 7PM-9PM at Gorham Recreation Department, 75 South Street, Gorham, ME.

February 11th - from 7PM-9PM at Gorham Recreation Department, 75 South Street, Gorham, ME.

Classified Ads

Check out the ads on page 2 to view items for sale, upcoming hamfests, announcements, and wanted items.

From the Editor's Desk

Looking back

It seems like its been forever since the last issue went out, but that only means there's a lot more to talk about. As I look back at the last few weeks, and the year as a whole, we've accomplished a lot. Field Day was a massive success, earning us the top rank in Maine for the second consecutive year, and people are still talking about the *W1V Anniversary Special Event*, which took place in late July.

WS1SM team members braved the wind and rain to participate in the CQWW VHF contest from the summit of Mt. Washington, and in August, we activated Nubble Lighthouse for *International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend*.

We've been active in SKYWARN, helping to reorganize the program and fascilitate the collection of reports during severe weather events throughout the year, beginning with the blizzard that slammed New England on January 26-27, and most recently with the flooding that effected coastal Maine in September.

In December, we participated in *SKYWARN Recognition Day*, operating on HF, VHF, Echolink, and DMR for nearly 24 hours, making over 300 QSOs. We also made a good showing at the annual SKYWARN Strategy Meeting,

giving a 2-part presentation thatincluded a year in review and Net Control Operator Training.

Our contests continue to grow in popularity, with both the *Maine 2 Meter FM Simplex Challenge* and *Maine QSO Party* seeing record entries for 2015.

We continue to offer educational programs, including *Intro to Ham Radio* courses and multi-week programs to help increase awareness of the hobby, and attract new members.

The most recent challenge we accepted is to assist the *Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency*. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the fall, and are in the beginning stages of organizing the program. We hope to prove that Amateur Radio can become a viable communications support option for their organization. So far it's been a fun project, and we anticipate that it will be a good learning experience and an outlet for us tostrengthen our skills as radio operators as we become more involved.

Before I close, I'd like to say thanks to everyone who offered good wishes and came out to surprise Stefania and myself with a party shortly before our wedding. It meant a lot to both of us to know we have such good friends around us, and she especially appreciated the warm welcome to the WSSM family.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays,

73,

Tim Watson
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